HOSTEL ATTACHED TO THE SIRKAR HIGH SCHOOL, KUNNAMKULAM—CHANGE INTO A COSMOPOLITAN HOSTEL

259. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have recognised the Government Hostel attached to the Sirkar High School, Kunnamkulam, as a cosmopolitan hostel;

(*b*) when was it made a cosmopolitan hostel;

(*c*) whether it was made a cosmopolitan hostel as the result of a resolution moved in the Legislative Council; and if so,

(*d*) whether a copy of the resolution be printed and placed on the table as appendix together with a copy of the Proceedings of the Government passed thereon;

(*e*) how many more hostels have since then been made cosmopolitan?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes, in a sense.

(*b*) In 1926.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Copies appended. (Vide appendices II and III).

(*e*) None.

PILLATHODU IRRIGATION SCHEME—REPORT OF

260. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the scheme called Pillathodu Irrigation Scheme was investigated by Government;

(*b*) if so, what was the amount spent for investigation;

(*c*) who conducted the investigation;

(*d*) will a copy of the report be placed on the table?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No separate accounts have been maintained for each scheme. The expenditure for investigation works is being charged to the allotment in the budget for investigation of irrigation schemes.

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departments will be co-ordinated and be at the disposal of the Rural Development Centre. The details relating to these schemes will be worked out later on at a conference between the Diwan, Mr. Jesudas and the departmental heads concerned.

(By order)
(Sd.)
Deputy Secretary

To

The Diwan Peishkar
The Chief Engineer, The Comptroller of Accounts
The Director of Public Health and Panchayats
The Director of Agriculture
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies
The Director of Industries and Commerce
Dr. Spencer Hatch (with covering letter)
Mr. J. Jesudas (with covering letter)
The Publicity Officer (Paras 1 and 2 only)
The Gazette (do.)

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to question No. 259)

Resolution

"That this Council recommends to the Government, the inadvisability of maintaining at Government expense separate residential quarters in students' hostels for the different communities based on caste distinctions and the desirability of establishing only one cosmopolitan hostel for the use of all boys and another one for the use of the lady students with separate dining halls and kitchens for different communities."

APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to question No. 259)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN

LOCAL & MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT

(Education)

No. 126.—Read correspondence ending with C. No. 2408 of 1101, dated 9th April 1926, from the Director of Public Instruction.

Also subsequent correspondence ending with the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 1034/1101, dated 8th May 1926.

Order C. No. 1209/1101, dated 14th May 1926

Representations were made to Government from time to time about the exclusiveness that is now associated with the hostels attached to the Educational Institutions of the State and the subject came up, in one form or other, for discussion in the Legislative Council. A resolution was moved in the last session of the Legislative Council by Mr. M. K. Raman to make these hostels cosmopolitan. Mr. Kunjunni Raja moved an amendment to the effect that these hostels should be equipped with separate dining halls and kitchens, though the residential quarters might be common and this was passed by the Council.

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The debate in the Council showed that opinion on the point was not unanimous and this was to be expected in view of the social and religious sentiments involved in it. The Government are not, in such matters, for enforcing changes opposed to public opinion, and are of the view that, in deference to the Resolution of the Council, a first step in this direction may be taken by introducing the new system as an experimental measure in the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnamkulam, which in view of its special circumstances, seems suited for the change. The Director of Public Instruction is therefore requested to take the necessary steps in the matter.

2. As the introduction of the change will require additions and alterations to the existing hostel building at Kunnamkulam the Chief Engineer is requested to report what these are, in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

(True extract)

A. K. VENGU AYYER

Secretary to the Diwan

To

The Director of Public Instruction
„ Comptroller of Accounts
„ Chief Engineer
„ Public Works Department
„ Sarvadhikariakar
„ Press Bureau
„ Gazette

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